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EXAMINING GROUP 3741

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: A.N. Schwartz et al. Attorney Docket No. SWTZ110464
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AMENDMENT

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 38, 40, 41, 50, 58, 60, 61, 62, 64, and 65.

37. (Amended) Goggles for isolation of the user's eyes from the outside environment comprising:

a frame including a transparent portion adapted to cover the user's eyes;

a sealing pad adjacent to the frame, said sealing pad comprising a compliant and resiliently deformable gelatinous elastomer suitable to conform under pressure to form a substantially airtight seal between the frame and the user's face;

wherein the gelatinous elastomer is a synthetic polymer gel [of the type used in the Kitecko Ultrasound Standoff Pad manufactured by 3M Corporation of St. Paul, Minnesota] comprising a block copolymer, including styrene and isoprene, in combination with approximately 70 to 95 weight percent of a stable nonaromatic oil;

wherein each gelatinous elastomer is sufficiently compliant that when a compressive pressure of between approximately 100 grams per square inch and approximately 3500 grams per square inch